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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS:

SUBJECT:GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE - FIELD COMPUTER FOR CO-  
ORDINATION OF INFORMATION ON DISASTER RELIEF  
SUPPLIES & ACTIVITIES

REF: A) GUATEMALA 1075

B) STATE 034156

1. FDRC STILL SEEKING SOURCE OF DOD FIELD COMPUTER; ALSO  
ASSESSING ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES.

IMMEDIACY OF NEED TO COLLECT INCOMING SUPPLY DATA AND  
ASSESSMENT DATA IS FULLY APPRECIATED. ASSUMING THAT NO  
DOD OR OTHER COMPUTER "PACKAGE" WE MAY FIND WILL MEET YOUR  
NEEDS, OTHER APPROACHES MAY BE FEASIBLE. DATA COLLECTION  
COULD PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY OF MACHINE INPUT AS LONG AS  
CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY OF DATA ARE INSURED. DATA  
COULD LATER BE PROCESSED AT A LOCALLY AVAILABLE COMPUTER  
SITE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MINI-COMPUTERS AND SMALL

MEDIUM SCALE COMPUTERS IN OPERATION IN GUATEMALA CITY.  
ANALYSIS AND PROGRAMMING EXPERTISE MAY BE AVAILABLE LO-  
CALLY. PHILIP CHURCH, USAID/G AG ECONOMIST KNOWS POTENTIAL  
AT SIECA AND HACIENDA.

3. A PROJECT THIS AMBITIOUS APPEARS RISKY AT BEST IN THE  
CRISIS ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE FACING. UNLESS THE PROGRAMM-  
ING AND HARDWARE CAPACITY, INCLUDING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT  
, ARE AVAILABLE IN GUATEMALA CITY, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND  
THAT OTHER LESS SOPHISTICATED APPROACHES BE CONSIDERED  
BY THE MISSION. SISCO

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